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Paul Manafort was found guilty of filing five false tax returns.

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Michael Cohen exits the Federal Courthouse in Manhattan Tuesday.

Manafort: Panelists reach verdict on eight counts against former campaign chairman

By Matt Zapotosky, Lynh Bui, Tom Jackman and Devlin Barrett
Washington Post

ALEXANDRIA, VA. » A jury found former Trump campaign chairman Paul Manafort guilty Tuesday on tax and bank fraud charges — a major if not complete victory for special counsel Robert Mueller III as he continues to investigate the president's associates.

The jury convicted Manafort on eight of the 18 counts and said it was deadlocked on the other 10. U.S. District Court Judge T.S. Ellis declared a mistrial on those charges.

Wearing a black suit, Manafort stood impassively, his hands folded in front of him, and showed little reaction as the clerk read the word "guilty" eight separate times. As through most of the three-week trial, Manafort showed no emotion as he looked at the six women and six men who convicted him.

President Donald Trump reacted to the verdict by denouncing Mueller's investigation.

"Paul Manafort's a good man," the president told reporters in West Virginia. The verdict, he said, "doesn't involve me but I still feel, you know, it's a very sad thing that happened."

He pointed out that the charges in Manafort's case did not involve Mueller's core mission of investigating Russian interference in the 2016 election and whether any Americans conspired with those efforts.

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— President Donald Trump speaks to the media after he steps off Air Force One, Tuesday in Charleston, W.Va

46 to 63 month sentence

Michael Cohen, former lawyer for President Donald Trump, faces up to 63 months in prison, according to court filings.

Cohen: Personal lawyer's plea includes admission of secretly paying off two women

By Devlin Barrett, Carol D. Leonnig, Philip Bump and Renae Merle
Washington Post

NEW YORK » President Donald Trump's former lawyer Michael Cohen pleaded guilty Tuesday in a Manhattan courthouse to eight violations of banking, tax and campaign finance laws, telling a federal judge that he worked to silence two women before the 2016 election at the direction of then-candidate Trump.

Cohen pleaded guilty to five counts of tax evasion, one count of making a false statement to a bank and two campaign finance violations: Willfully causing an illegal corporate contribution and making an excessive campaign contribution.

"Guilty, your honor," Cohen said eight times as Judge William Pauley III read the counts.

The longtime attorney for Trump faces a recommended prison sentence of 46 to 63 months, according to court filings.

When it came to the campaign finance violations, Cohen implicated the president directly. He told the court that he worked with Trump to pay off two women to keep their stories of alleged affairs with Trump from becoming public before Election Day.

In a statement, Trump attorney Rudy Giuliani said: "There is no allegation of any wrongdoing against the president in the government's charges against Mr. Cohen. It is clear that, as the prosecutor noted, Mr. Cohen's actions reflect a pattern of lies and dishonesty over a signif-

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SAD END TO SEARCH

Mollie Tibbetts found dead

Undocumented immigrant charged with first-degree murder

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The agonizing monthlong search for 20-year-old Mollie Tibbetts ended Tuesday with everyone's worst fears: She had been abducted while jogging, killed and hidden in an Iowa cornfield not far from home.

The discovery of her body, covered with corn stalks, sent shockwaves from the American heartland to Oakland, where she attended elementary school. It took on a political dimension when authorities announced the 24-year-old charged with first-degree murder in her death is an undocumented immigrant.

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During a news conference Tuesday afternoon in Iowa, state officials said footage from someone's security camera in the small farmtown of Brooklyn had captured images of Tibbetts jogging that evening and of a black Malibu that appeared to be trailing her. They tracked down the Malibu and on Monday approached Cristhian Bahena Rivera, who had come to the United States from Mexico several years ago

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Golden State Killer suspect charged with kidnapping

DAs add four Contra Costa County counts

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SANTA ANA » Joseph DeAngelo, the 72-year-old Citrus Heights man accused of being the notorious Golden State Killer, has been charged for the first time with crimes associated with nine Contra Costa rapes in the late 1970s, prosecutors announced Tuesday.

Joined at a news conference in Orange County with five other district attorneys, Contra Costa District Attorney Diana Becton announced that DeAngelo, who already has been charged with 13 murders around the state, will face four kidnapping charges in Contra Costa County. Sacramento County also added nine similar charges against DeAngelo Tuesday. The 13 new charges in Contra Costa and Sacramento counties include 21 special allegations of using a gun or knife during the crimes.

"The horrific crimes committed by Joseph DeAngelo terrorized the victims and residents of Contra Costa County," Becton said. "For decades he evaded justice and devastated communities across California."

Prosecutors called DeAngelo's

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